

A vibrant autumn scene at Skidmore College. A paved walkway leads through a canopy of trees with bright yellow and orange leaves. Several students are walking along the path. In the background, a brick building with a blue roof is visible. A green rectangular box at the top contains the college's name.

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WELCOME

CLASS OF 2029

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



Fall 2025

Welcome to Skidmore and the beginning of what we anticipate will be a rewarding four years for you! This New Student Orientation schedule lists and describes this week's activities. Some activities are academic and others social, but all will introduce you to our campus community.

These Orientation events have been carefully planned and organized to help you make a successful transition to Skidmore College. Your presence at all events is therefore required and not optional unless otherwise noted. We are confident that you will participate in each event with enthusiasm and full commitment.

Many members of the Skidmore community — faculty, staff, and students — will work with you during New Student Orientation to give you the best possible introduction to the academic, residential, and co-curricular experience at Skidmore. We hope that as you meet community members and participate in these activities and discussions over the coming days, you will start to grasp the significance of Skidmore's commitment to community-building and consider how you can contribute to making this community stronger.

The First-Year Experience Office is located in Starbuck Center. Please stop by during business hours to introduce yourself, discuss any concerns you have, or share the highlights of your Skidmore experience with us.

We look forward to meeting you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RRD", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025

Time	Event	Location
8:30–11:30am	New Student Check-in	Zankel Music Center and Residence Halls
11am–1:15pm	Complimentary Lunch	South Park Tent
1:30–2:45pm	Family Orientation	Zankel Music Center
1:30–3pm	First-Year Orientation and Class Picture	Meet Scribner Seminar at Case Walkway
3–4pm	Family Reception	Scribner House
3–4:30pm	Getting Settled	Residence Halls
4:30–5:30pm	Residence Hall Meet and Greet	Residence Halls, small groups
5:30–7pm	First-Year Orientation Dinner	Murray-Aikins Dining Hall
7:30–8:30pm	S'mores, Stories & Community "Come Find Your People"	Case Green
8:30–10:30pm	Class of 2029 and Transfer Students Late Night Welcome	Case Green (rain location Case Center Spa)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

Time	Event	Location
8:15am–4:15pm	Resources and Emergency Procedures	Gannett Auditorium
9am–5:30pm	Factuality	Murray-Aikins Dining Hall, 2nd floor
11am–3:30pm	Sex Discussed Here!	Zankel Music Center
5–6:30pm	Dinner	Murray-Aikins Dining Hall
8:30–10pm	Choose Your Own Adventure (Dance Party or DIY)	Case Green (rain location Case Center Spa)

Please note: Scheduling for Monday's presentations is based on group designation. See page 9 for group placement.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

Time	Event	Location
8:15–9:15am	Dining Hall Equipment Training	Gannett Auditorium
9:30am	Convocation Line-Up	Tang Parking Lot
10–11:15am	New Student Convocation	South Park Tent
11:30am–1pm	Lunch	Murray-Aikins Dining Hall
1–3pm	Scribner Seminars: First Class Meeting	Various Classrooms*

***Please refer to page 15 of this book for assigned classrooms for all Scribner Seminar events, sorted by Scribner Seminar title and section number.**

3–4:30pm	Resource Fair	McCaffery-Wagman Health and Wellness Center
3–5pm	Advising	Assigned Rooms/Faculty Offices
3–5pm	QR Diagnostic Re-test	Davis Auditorium
3:30–4:15pm	Special Advising	See page 12 for locations
4:30–6:30pm	Founder's Day BBQ	South Park Tent
8pm–9pm	Hall Meeting: Life on Your Floor	Residence Halls, Floor Lounge



Safety Orientation for Students

All Skidmore College students are required by state mandate to complete a safety/fire-safety module during the fall semester. Completion of the module is mandatory. Be on the look out for an email with more information from the Office of Residential Life.



Vehicle Registration

Students must register their vehicles as soon as possible. Make certain you have your vehicle registration and Skidmore ID when registering your vehicle with Campus Safety.

To register, go to https://www.skidmore.edu/campus_safety/vehicles/index.php and enter all of your information, or scan the QR code below.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

8:30–11:30am

New Student Check-In

RESIDENCE HALLS

Students should go to drive-through ID stations in the Zankel Music Center parking lot to check in.* Stations open at 8:30am. Be sure you have a government issued photo ID ready! Look for appropriately t-shirted student volunteers to help answer your questions.

Students who did not submit mandatory health forms will be directed to the Health Services Table in Zankel Lobby.

Students who did not submit photos must report to the Card Office in Starbuck 101 after going to the Zankel parking lot.

Stop by the Information Desk in Case Center with any questions you might have about the day.

Students working on campus in the fall: Please visit Student Employment in the Case Center Small Conference Room on the 2nd floor right next to the Case Information Desk. Hours are 8:30am–1pm Thursday, August 28 and Sunday, August 31.

**If you miss these hours, visit the Student Employment Office in Starbuck 101.*

11am–1:15pm

Complimentary Lunch

SOUTH PARK TENT

Complimentary lunch for new students, their families, and friends.

1:30–2:45pm

Family Orientation

ARTHUR ZANKEL MUSIC CENTER

A panel of campus experts will introduce you to key themes that emerge in the first year for all students. We want to make sure that you have the information and resources you will need to help your student learn, live, and thrive here at Skidmore. There will be time for Q&A and discussion following the presentation.

1:30–3pm

First-Year Orientation & Class Picture

MEET SCRIBNER SEMINAR AT CASE CENTER GREEN/WALKWAY

All first-year students meet with their Scribner Seminar peer mentor and classmates at Case Center Walkway. Look for signs with seminar titles posted on the walkway. Students should proceed to the Wachenheim Field bleachers for the peer mentor session and Class of 2029 picture. * **Wear your class t-shirt to this event.**

3–4pm

Family Reception

SCRIBNER HOUSE, 791 NORTH BROADWAY

President Marc Conner invites all parents, families, and friends of first-year and transfer students to Scribner House, originally the home of Skidmore's founder, Lucy Skidmore Scribner. Members of the faculty and administrative staff will also be present to greet parents. Families depart campus after the event.

3–4:30pm

Getting Settled

RESIDENCE HALLS

Take this time to set up your room, visit with roommates, and get settled.

4:30–5:30pm

Residential Hall Meet and Greet

RESIDENCE HALL FLOORS/SMALL GROUPS

Meet your RA and fellow new students on your floor. Learn about the various resources Skidmore College has to offer.

5:30–7pm

First-Year Orientation Dinner

MURRAY-AIKINS DINING HALL

Please bring your ID. You will need it to enter the dining hall.

7:30–8:30pm

S'mores, Stories & Community “Come Find Your People”

CASE GREEN

Kick off your Skidmore journey with a cozy night under the stars! Join us for a Build-Your-Own S'mores Bar, acoustic music, and authentic connection around the fire. This affinity-based social is designed to help students from all backgrounds explore identity, build community, and meet peers who share lived experiences. Whether you're here to make friends, find your crew, or just vibe by the fire — **this space is for you.** Come as you are. Leave a little more connected.

8:30pm–10:30pm

Class of 2029 and Transfer Students Late Night Welcome

CASE GREEN | SEVERE WEATHER LOCATION: CASE CENTER SPA

Welcome to Skidmore! For your first official night on campus come to Case Green for some ice cream sandwiches, better known as Cremewiches, and karaoke. Bring a beach towel, blanket, or camp chair to enjoy an evening on the Green and sing your favorite song!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

7:30–10am

Breakfast

MURRAY-AIKINS DINING HALL

Please note: Scheduling for the following required presentations is based on group designation— see page 9.

Resources & Emergency Procedures with Campus Safety

GANNETT AUDITORIUM

A discussion of procedures and safety related resources available to students for routine events and during emergencies.

Factuality

MURRAY-AIKINS DINING HALL, 2ND FLOOR

Factuality is a facilitated dialogue, crash course and board game all in one that simulates real-life experiences in the United States. It is played with a rich group of diverse characters that encounter a series of fact-based advantages and limitations based on the intersection of their race, gender, sexual orientation, faith, class and ability. Please bring paper and a pen.

Sex Discussed Here!

LADD HALL, ZANKEL MUSIC CENTER

Marshall Miller and Dorian Solot teach sex education in a way that you have never encountered before—this is definitely NOT your high school health class.

5–6:30pm

Dinner

MURRAY-AIKINS DINING HALL

8:30–10pm

Choose Your Own Adventure (Dance Party or DIY)

CASE GREEN | SEVERE WEATHER LOCATION: CASE CENTER SPA

You have completed your second day of orientation, so come back out to Case Green for some more fun! Enjoy a dance party for the night with DJ Cor3. If you are not up for dancing visit our three DIY stations and design your own spin art frisbee, airbrush fanny pack or get ready for camping with adding a design to your new camp mug. Hang out with our Student Events Council (SEC) members as well for the night and learn about how to get involved on campus.

Group Designations

Group A and Fall Athletes

SSP-100 001	American Memories
SSP-100 002	Emerging Diseases
SSP-100 003	Picturing Time
SSP-100 004	Thirteen Ways
SSP-100 005	Interpreting Ceramics
SSP-100 006	In the Light of Death
SSP-100 007	Plagues and Humans
SSP-100 008	Pollinators in Peril
SSP-100 009	Climate Science and History

Group B

SSP-100 010	Defense Against Dark Arts Tech
SSP-100 011	Latin American Cinema
SSP-100 012	Queer Notions: Beyond Binaries
SSP-100 013	European Integration
SSP-100 014	Our World on the Move
SSP-100 015	Imagining Memory
SSP-100 016	Human Dilemmas
SSP-100 017	Capitalist Aesthetics
SSP-100 018	Who are You? Identity
SSP-100 019	Plastic Fantastic?
SSP-100 020	Outside the Box

Group C and Transfers

SSP-100 021	How to Change the World
SSP-100 022	Resisting Hitler
SSP-100 023	Secrets, Codes, and Ciphers
SSP-100 024	Dynamics of Chaos
SSP-100 025	Ireland: Myth, Reality
SSP-100 026	Japanese Animation
SSP-100 027	Women Writing the World
SSP-100 028	Social Identity and Sport
SSP-100 029	Sound, Speech, Story, Song
SSP-100 030	Music on the Move
SSP-100 031	Digital Life

Group D

SSP-100 033	Hurricanes & Forest Fires
SSP-100 034	MotherRussiaDaughtersSons
SSP-100 035	Reading Minds
SSP-100 036	Love and Lust
SSP-100 037	Human Dilemmas
SSP-100 038	Nature/Nurture Myth
SSP-100 039	Imagination and Innovation
SSP-100 040	Buddhism, Travel, and Trade
SSP-100 041	Freedom Dreamers
SSP-100 042	Human Dilemmas
SSP-100 043	Sport, Self and Society
SSP-100 044	Mixed Race on Stage and Film

Group A and Fall Athletes

8:15–8:45am	Resources and Emergency Procedures with Campus Safety
9–10:30am	Factuality
12–1pm	Lunch
2–3:30pm	Sex Discussed Here

Group B

11am–12:30pm	Factuality
12:30–1:30pm	Lunch
2–3:30pm	Sex Discussed Here
3:45–4:15pm	Resources and Emergency Procedures with Campus Safety

Group C and Transfers

9–9:30am	Resources and Emergency Procedures with Campus Safety
11am–12:30pm	Sex Discussed Here
12:30–1:30pm	Lunch
2–3:30pm	Factuality

Group D

11am–12:30pm	Sex Discussed Here
12:30–1:30pm	Lunch
3–3:30pm	Resources and Emergency Procedures with Campus Safety
4–5:30pm	Factuality

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7:30–9am

Breakfast

MURRAY-AIKINS DINING HALL

8:15–9:15am

Dining Hall Equipment Training

GANNETT AUDITORIUM

9:30am

New Student Convocation Line up

MEET AT TANG PARKING LOT

10–11:15am

New Student Convocation

SOUTH PARK TENT

SEVERE WEATHER LOCATION: ZANKEL MUSIC CENTER

New students and families are invited to this official College welcome by Marc Conner, President; Jess Ricker, Vice President and Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid; Rachel Roe-Dale, Director of the First-Year Experience; Samantha Majiedt '27, SGA President. * **Wear your class t-shirt to this event.**



Please remember to bring your water bottle with you. Filling stations are available throughout the campus.

11:30am–1pm

Lunch

MURRAY-AIKINS DINING HALL

1–3pm

Faculty, Peer Mentors Meet with Scribner Seminar Groups

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS ARE LISTED ON THE INSIDE BACK COVER

First-year students will meet with their faculty and peer mentor and receive important information about academic opportunities and support services, meeting the academic challenges of college, modifying course schedules and signing up for individual advising appointments. **Bring your summer reading book.**

New Student Convocation Ceremony: Information for first-year students

* **Wear your class t-shirt to this event.**

9:30am

- Students assemble in Tang parking lot.
Staff will guide students into lines during this time.

9:45am

- Peer mentors will lead transfer students and first-year students to the Tang Teaching Museum.
- All will line up behind faculty members and await the signal to process.

Important Processional Information

10am

- **Processional begins. The order of the processional is as follows:**
Bagpipers, platform party, faculty, transfer students, first-year students, and peer mentors.
- You will process into the tent four (4) across.
- Upon entering the tent, please process quickly up the aisles at staff direction.
- Move all the way across the row to the end seat of the aisle.
- Please take your seats once President Conner approaches the podium.

10:15am

- Convocation program begins.

11:15am

- Convocation program concludes and the recessional begins.
The Bagpipers will return to the stage area to signal the start of the recessional. Follow staff member instructions when exiting the tent.

3–5pm

Individual Advising Appointments with Seminar Instructors

FACULTY OFFICES

Topics for discussions may include aspirations for college, career goals, academic background, and possible course schedule changes. Instructors will have a copy of each student's Reflection and Projection letter (RAP).

3–5pm

QR Diagnostic Re-Test

DAVIS AUDITORIUM

QR diagnostic re-test to students who placed into MA100.

3–4:30pm

Exploremore: Skidmore Resource Fair

McCAFFERY-WAGMAN HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

Learn about Skidmore's resources to help you navigate your first year!

3:30–4:15pm

Special Advising Sessions

Faculty will give an overview of the following majors, minors, and programs, as well as answer your questions.

Education Studies - PMH 200

Japanese and Chinese - PMH 401

Off-Campus Study and Exchanges - Bolton 282

Engineering - CIS 328

Social Work - TLC 207

Academic Accommodations - Emerson Auditorium

Pre-Health - Gannett Auditorium

Media and Film Studies - Bolton 281

Art - Saesselin 212

QR Retest - Davis Auditorium

4:30–6:30pm

Founder's Day BBQ

SOUTH PARK GREEN

Join President Marc Conner and the rest of Skidmore community as we celebrate the start of the fall semester.

8–9pm

Hall meetings: Life on Your Floor

RESIDENCE HALLS: FLOOR LOUNGE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

3:30–5pm

Getting Involved: SGA Club Fair

CASE GREEN

Check out the many clubs, organizations, and resources available at Skidmore. This is a great way to begin to explore new interests and get involved in campus life. Meet other students and talk to club members about how to get involved.

Join SkidSync at SkidSync.com

SkidSync is a great way to stay aware of what's happening on campus and to get involved with new organizations. Browse through the organizations and come see all of them in person at the annual **Club Fair on September 5 on Case Green.**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8pm–10pm

Student Showcase: Club Showcase

ZANKEL MUSIC CENTER

Club Showcase highlights our extraordinarily talented performance-based clubs. Come join us for a wonderful night and learn more about some of our clubs. This event is organized by the Student Government Association and the Office of Leadership Activities! Follow SGA on Instagram, [sga.skidmore](https://www.instagram.com/ska.sgidmore), to see who will be performing this year.

Get Involved:

Music Auditions and Lessons:

<https://www.skidmore.edu/music/curriculum/ensembles/auditions.php>

Theater Auditions:

<https://theater.skidmore.edu/student/audition/>

Athletics Information:

<https://skidmoreathletics.com/>

Clubs and Organizations:

<https://skidsync.com>

WHAT'S OPEN AND WHEN...

Department	Hours	Department	Hours
Bursar/Financial Aid Office, <i>Starbuck 101</i>		Residential Life, <i>First Floor, Annex</i>	
Sunday 8/31, 10am–2pm		Sunday 8/31, 8:30am–4:30pm	
Monday 9/1, 8:30am–4:30pm		Monday 9/1, 8:30am–4:30pm	
Tuesday 9/2, 8:30am–4:30pm		Tuesday 9/2, 8:30am–4:30pm	
Card Office, <i>Starbuck 101</i>		Skidmore Post Office, <i>Case Center</i>	
Sunday 8/31, 8:30am–2:30pm*		Sunday 8/31, Closed	
Monday 9/1, 8:30am–4:30pm		Monday 9/1, 9am–5pm*	
Tuesday 9/2, 8:30am–4:30pm		Tuesday 9/2, 9am–4:55pm**	
*After 2:30pm go to Campus Safety in Annex		*Package p/u only,	
		** window closes 4:30m	
Counseling Center, <i>McCaffery-Wagman</i>		Skidmore Shop, <i>Case Center</i>	
Sunday 8/31, 9am–1pm		Sunday 8/31, 9am–4pm	
Monday 9/1, 9am–3pm*		Monday 9/1, 9am–4pm	
Tuesday 9/2, 9am–4:30pm*		Tuesday 9/2, 9am–4pm	
*Closed Mon. 11:30am–12pm, Tues 12–1pm		Wednesday 9/3, 9am–4pm	
Health Services, <i>McCaffery-Wagman</i>		Scribner Library	
Sunday 8/31, 9am–1pm*		Sunday 8/31, Closed	
Monday 9/1, 9am–3pm*		Monday 9/1, Closed	
Tuesday 9/2, 9am–4:30pm		Tuesday 9/2, 8:30am–4:30pm	
*Closed 11:30am–12pm			
IT Help Desk, <i>Scribner Library</i>		Williamson Sports Center/ McCaffery-Wagman Tennis and Wellness Center	
Sunday 8/31, Closed		Sunday 8/31, 12pm–6pm	
Monday 9/1, Closed		Monday 9/1, 7am–5pm	
Tuesday 9/2, 8:30am–4:30pm		Tuesday 9/2, 7am–8pm	
Registrar, <i>Starbuck 203</i>			
Sunday 8/31, 9am–12pm			
Monday 9/1, 9am–12pm			
Tuesday 9/2, 8:30am–4:30pm			

Murray-Aikins Dining Hall

Sunday 8/17–Saturday 8/30

Sponsored Meal Plans

Breakfast 7:30–10am

Lunch 11:30am–2:30pm

Dinner 5–7:30pm

Thursday 8/28, 11am–1:30pm

Lunch under the tent (Open to all)

Fall Hours and Academic Meal Plans Start 8/31

Sunday 8/31

Breakfast 7:30–10:30am

Lunch 11am–2:30pm under the tent (Students only)

Dinner 5–8pm

Tuesday 9/2, 4:30–6:30pm

Founder's Day Dinner under the tent

Regular Semester Hours

Monday-Thursday 7:30am–4pm, 5–8pm, 8–10pm (Late night)

Friday 7:30am–4pm, 5–8pm

Saturday 9am–4pm, 5–8pm

Sunday 9am–4pm, 5–8pm; 8-10pm (Late night)

Assigned Classrooms for all Scribner Seminar events

Course	Section	Title/Topic	Instructor	Room
SSP 100	1	American Memories	Nathan, Daniel	Tisch 301
SSP 100	2	Emerging Diseases	Ennis-McMillan, Michael	Bolton 103
SSP 100	3	Picturing Time	Sweeney, Sarah	Art 221
SSP 100	4	Thirteen Ways	Sattler, Paul	Art 307
SSP 100	5	Interpreting Ceramics	Wilt, Matt	Art 103
SSP 100	6	In the Light of Death	Bogin, Benjamin	Lib 213
SSP 100	7	Plagues and Humans	Le Sage, Emily	PMH 231
SSP 100	8	Pollinators in Peril	Schielke, Erika	Tisch 208
SSP 100	9	Climate Science and History	Navea, Juan	CIS 101A
SSP 100	10	Defense Against Dark Arts Tech	Prasad, Aarathi	Bolton 382
SSP 100	11	Latin American Cinema	Donovan, Mary Kate	Tisch 307
SSP 100	12	Queer Notions: Beyond Binaries	Lawson, Brian	Art 202
SSP 100	13	European Integration	Bibow, Joerg	CIS 348
SSP 100	14	Our World on the Move	Tiwari, Smriti	Davis
SSP 100	15	Imagining Memory	Wolff, Melora	Ladd 206
SSP 100	16	Human Dilemmas	Parra, Jamie	Bolton 280
SSP 100	17	Capitalist Aesthetics	Bozio, Andrew	Tisch 207
SSP 100	18	Who are You? Identity	Boyers, Robert	PMH 301
SSP 100	19	Plastic Fantastic?	Ernst, Anne	Tisch 308
SSP 100	20	Outside the Box	Frappier, Amy	Bolton 102
SSP 100	21	How to Change the World	Morser, Eric	Tisch 201
SSP 100	22	Resisting Hitler	Hockenos, Matthew	Tisch 305
SSP 100	23	Secrets, Codes, and Ciphers	Hogenson, Kirsten	CIS 311
SSP 100	24	Dynamics of Chaos	Roe-Dale, Rachel	PMH 302
SSP 100	25	Ireland: Myth, Reality	Kennelly, Jim	PMH 304
SSP 100	26	Japanese Animation	Inamoto, Masako	Bolton 101
SSP 100	27	Women Writing the World	Zuerner, Adrienne	PMH 401
SSP 100	28	Social Identity and Sport	Harper, Timothy	PMH 201
SSP 100	29	Sound, Speech, Story, Song	Tinkle, Adam	Zankel 214
SSP 100	30	Music on the Move	D'Evelyn, Charlotte	Zankel 215
SSP 100	31	Digital Life	Murray, Peter	CIS 265
SSP 100	33	Hurricanes & Forest Fires	Mann, Christopher	Ladd 106
SSP 100	34	Mother Russia Daughters Sons	Graney, Kate	Ladd 107
SSP 100	35	Reading Minds	Johnson, Becca	Bolton 281
SSP 100	36	Love and Lust	Lopez, Hassan	Tisch 108
SSP 100	37	Human Dilemmas	Gomez, Pablo	Art 201
SSP 100	38	Nature/Nurture Myth	Wojcik, Erica	Tisch 203
SSP 100	39	Imagination and Innovation	Murphy, Kendrah	CIS 382
SSP 100	40	Buddhism, Travel, and Trade	Overbey, Ryan	Bolton 100
SSP 100	41	Freedom Dreamers	Mueller, Jennifer	Tisch 302
SSP 100	42	Human Dilemmas	Berheide, Kate	Tisch 204
SSP 100	43	Sport, Self and Society	McCarthy, Peter	Tisch 205
SSP 100	44	Mixed Race on Stage and Film	Ferreira-LaMere, Eunice	Zankel, ELM

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